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Army

1. Newspaper articles on the 9 May celebrations in Prague carry pictures of the Symbol of the Armed Forces which was posted on the stands at Prague-Letna. The symbol consists of a five-pointed star with the Czech national emblem superimposed on it.
2. Three-ton Tatra 126 trucks with four wheel drive and diesel engines were observed in Prague. The trucks had an opening in the cab for a rifle.
3. An Air Force headquarters is located on Revoluční Trida in Prague, in the former Kotva Building, No. 3. Officers seen in the vicinity of the building wore blue uniforms with brown lapel patches on which was a silver mace as insignia. They wore brown shoulder boards trimmed in silver braid and bearing gold stars. Women Air Force sergeants and staff sergeants were also seen around the building. They were wearing blue skirts and blouses with light blue lapel patches, but no mace insignia. They wore blue berets with the regular army cap insignia.

Ministry of National Security Units

4. Members of Air Force Security were observed in Prague wearing blue uniforms with red shoulder boards trimmed in gold braid and bearing silver stars. The members of this service were not wearing any Air Force regimental or group badges and had no lapel insignia. House buttons on the uniform were gold with crossed swords imprinted on them. Such uniforms reportedly are worn by members of the Air Force Unit of the Ministry of National Security.
5. Members of Public Security wear dark blue uniforms with "type 15" blouses, blue shirts and dark blue ties, riding breeches and high black Soviet-type boots. They wear no lapel insignia and their shoulder boards are dark red with dark blue piping. The caps are dark blue with black brims and black leather straps with red braid on the edge of the crown. The hat band is either red or blue. The insignia worn on the front of the cap is a red enamel star, Soviet-type, with a

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silver lion rampant in the center. The edges of the star appeared to be trimmed in silver.

6. There are no NCOs in the Public Security service. The rank of Junior Warrant Officer, Warrant Officer, Senior Warrant Officer or Chief Warrant Officer may be determined by the number of silver stars worn on the shoulder boards, which are the same as the corresponding rank in the Army. Officers wear the same uniform as warrant officers, but shoulder boards are red with silver or gold braid. Warrant officers on patrol wear Sam Browns belts, side-arms and carry a small leather haversack on the right side.
7. Public Security stations carry signs reading "District Headquarters of Public Security". One such station was seen in Prague and another in Chab. There is a Public Security club located in the former Vitava Cafe in Prague.

StB and SNB Uniforms

8. Warrant officers of the StB and SNB units wear khaki uniforms (trousers or riding breeches). Shoulder boards have a silver border, and silver stars indicate the rank according to the Army grading system. They wear no lapel insignia. Caps are of the Soviet type with khaki crown and brim with a red band and silver braid, and on the front the Soviet red star with the Czech rampant lion superimposed upon it. Officers wear the same uniforms as warrant officers, with the exception that they have gold braid on cap and shoulder boards. Women warrant officers were observed, but no women officers. Their uniform consisted of khaki shirts and blouses, although some also wore khaki trousers. Red overseas caps with the red five-pointed star are also part of their uniform.

PS Units

9. Enlisted men in the PS (Border Guard) Units wear khaki uniforms, "Type 45" with green lapels, on which is the dog head insignia. Shoulder boards are green (source believes with red piping). They wear either trousers or breeches. When wearing breeches, they wear caps with a black brim, black band and leather strap with green crown. On the band at the front is the Soviet star with a silver lion (Encl. Fig. 2). NCOs wear the same uniform as enlisted men, except that they wear breeches and boots exclusively. They can be distinguished from enlisted men by the red braid on their uniforms. Officers' uniforms differ in that they wear green shoulder boards bordered in gold. Cadets wear the same uniforms as the officers, and on the green shoulder boards trimmed in gold braid there is a gold arrow pointing in the direction of the shoulder board button. On the left sleeve they wear gold stripes to indicate the class year.

Interior Guard

10. The Interior Guard protects factories and enterprises against sabotage. The enlisted men's uniform is khaki with maroon lapel patches and an insignia which is in the form of a cog wheel with a sword upon it, point downward. On the hilt of the sword is a small star (Encl. Fig. 3). Shoulder boards are maroon with green or blue border. (Source was not sure which). Most of the men wear breeches and high boots, khaki caps with black bill and black leather straps and blue crown trimmed in red. On the front of the cap is a silver star with a lion rampant on it. Some of the enlisted men still wear trousers instead of breeches and overseas caps with the Army badge. This leads to the supposition that they may recently have been transferred from the army to the Interior Guard. In age, most of the enlisted men correspond to those undergoing basic military training. Officers' uniforms are the same as enlisted men, with the exception that the shoulder boards are gold with a red base (sic). Officers wear no belts on their blouses. Officer ranks up to captain were seen in Prague.

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11. Cars used by the Interior Guard are of the RMB type, olive drab in color, with the letter "B" on the license plates.

Militia

12. Militia men wear blue working overalls with a red band on the left sleeve. They wear blue berets without badges or insignia. They carry rifles and wear cartridge belts.

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1/ ☐ Comment. Probably a ring mount for anti-aircraft artillery or machine gun is meant.

2/ ☐ Comment. Probably refers to warrant officer uniforms.

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